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1. NOVEMBER 16, GOI MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT & POWER BARRY ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT ORDERS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF 10 PERCENT UNTIL MARCH IN NORMAL GASOLINE SUPPLIES TO GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS AND IN CENTRAL HEATING OIL TO PRIVATE USERS AND OF 5 PERCENT IN GASOLINE DELIVERIES TO COMMERCIAL USERS. ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES WHICH USE OIL AS A RAW MATERIAL, POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, IRISH AIRLINES, PEAT BOARD, AND ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EXEMPTED.

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2. REDUCTION TO BE BASED ON SUPPLY FIGURES FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1972 - MARCH 1973, WHICH WILL MEAN AVERAGE CUTS EXPERIENCED BY USERS WILL BE GREATER THAN 10 PERCENT AS CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN RISING STEADILY. RETAILERS ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE OUT SUPPLIES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.

3. BARRY DESCRIBED SUPPLY SITUATION AS CRITICAL AND SAID OIL IMPORTS INTO IRELAND EXPECTED TO DROP AT LEAST 15 PERCENT DURING CURRENT QUARTER. SUPPLY RESERVES HAVE DROPPED BELOW 60 DAYS. BARRY SAID GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN FOR VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION HAD FAILED, AGAIN APPEALED FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION, AND THREATENED RATIONING IF SITUATION DETERIORATES FURTHER.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT STIMULATED PANIC BUYING OVER WEEKEND, AND MANY SERVICE STATIONS RAN OUT OF FUEL. IRISH INDEPENDENT, WHICH HAD SUPPORTED FINE GAEIL PARTY (LEADING COMPONENT OF COALITION GOVERNMENT) BUT WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY "INDEPENDENT", SHARPLY CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT AS DEPLORABLY WEAK AND SHORT-SIGHTED AND SAID GOI SHOULD HAVE HAD COURAGE INTRODUCE MOTOR-FREE WEEKENDS OR ENFORCEABLE RATIONING. CONFEDERATION OF IRISH INDUSTRY CALLED FOR NEW REVIEW OF IRISH ENERGY RESERVES, EARLY DECISION TO CLEAR WAY FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY SUPPLY PROGRAM, AND CRITICIZED FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY IN NEW SYSTEM TO DIRECTLY PRODUCTIVE SECTORS OF ECONOMY.

5. TRANSPORT AND POWER OFFICIAL CONTINUED TO DISPLAY RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARDS SITUATION IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF. HOWEVER, ONLY WAY OF SHARING FUEL FAIRLY MAY HAVE TO BE RATIONING. SORENSON

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